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THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR HOE STUDENTS AND SECONDARY TEACHERS

(VT-102-182)

EXEMPLARY PROJECT IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
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ABSTRACT

PROJECT TITLE: The Constitutional Convention for HOE Students and Secondary Schools

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PROJECT DURATION: December 26, 1974 through March 28, 1975

The project described in this report was designed to organize a state student Health Occupations Education organization. This organization will give students with explicit interest in careers in health services an opportunity to associate and identify with an established organization which is based on their selected occupational interests. All participants indicated that the objectives for the convention were met.

I. INTRODUCTION

The National Advisory Council on Vocational Education in its report in 1972 emphasized the importance of vocational student organization.[1] The work of these organizations is an integral to career education. These youth groups allow students to engage in activities that broaden and enrich their knowledge of career fields. Few who have witnessed the work of these organizations question their value as essential instruments of career education. Realizing the importance of the student organization to the overall objective of the Health Occupations Education program, the HOE staff wanted to establish the formal organizational framework for an organization directly related to health.

The Division of Vocational Education and Community Colleges provided funds to conduct an organizational meeting for a state student Health Occupations Education Organization. There were 39 student participants at the convention, representing 18 Health Occupations Education Programs throughout the State of Alabama. There were 17 local club advisors in attendance.

The Health Occupations Education Division of the American Vocational Association was in its fourth year of organization as a distinct and separate service of Vocational Education. Yet, students with explicit interests in careers in health services have not had an opportunity to identify with an established organization which was based on their selected occupational desires.

In the past, students with interests leaning toward careers in health services, have been associated with various other organizations not directly related to health. Therefore, there has not been a climate produced which would lend itself to a sense of belonging and identification for these students. It appeared to many students that there was a pococurante attitude on the part of the adult leaders in Health Occupations Education. They had a feeling of being anachronously positioned. No organization had fully provided an avenue to enhance personal understanding, initiative, knowledge and skills essential to students interested in health service careers. The syndromic impact was both insidious and obtrusive. Since the younger generation is the architect of a future health delivery system, both care and preventive, the implication for identification was clear:

1. A Health Occupations Education student leadership organization to emphasize techniques of systemic planning and thinking, desirable citizenship and cooperativeness which would enhance regular classwork and personal lives had to be formed into a coherent unity.

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[1] National Advisory Council on Vocational Education. 7th Report. "Vocational Student Organizations", Washington, D.C., 1972.

2. The concept of belonging and identification with the selected occupational interest as a viable, positive, and necessary force in the lives of Health Occupations Education students, had to be included as an integral part of the Health Occupations Education curriculum to provide an opportunity for these students to know and accept each other and work together towards a mutual goal.

II. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this project was to conduct an organizational meeting for a state student Health Occupations Education organization. Specific objectives of the organizational convention are:

1. To outline the philosophy and goals of the student HOE State organization.
2. To acquaint HOE students with the purposes, activities and values of the student organization.
3. Orient students to the benefits of membership affiliation with a state organization.
4. Delineate responsibilities of a state organization to each member, the school, and communities.
5. Develop leadership in the field of health occupations which is competent, ethical, moral, aggressive, self-reliant, cooperative and patriotic.
6. Adopt a State Constitution and Bylaws.
7. Elect by ballot a slate of state officers for 1975-76.
8. Select an appropriate official name for the State HOE Organization.

III. PROCEDURES

Each established secondary Health Occupations Education program teacher in the state selected two students to attend the organizational meeting. The HOE instructors attended as local club advisors. The following criteria was used in selecting students:

The selected students shall:

1. Be age 16 or over and have at least one remaining full school year.
2. Have the endorsement of the local club advisor, principal, or director, and parent.
3. Be considered in good standing as a local club member.

4. Have shown an abiding interest in the activities of the local club.

5. Have the potential for future leadership responsibilities.

The student participants will be actively involved in:

1. Adopting the State Organization Constitution and Bylaws.

2. Selection of the slate of state officers for 1975-76.

3. Selection of an appropriate official name for the State organization.

IV. RESULTS

The Constitutional Convention objectives were competently met.

1. The official name of this organization shall be "THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION CLUBS OF ALABAMA"

2. The Constitution and Bylaws were unanimously approved and accepted by the voting delegates.

3. A slate of state officers were elected by the voting delegates. (See attachment 1.)

Other activities at the convention included the signing of a Declaration by all active participants. (See attachment 2.) A significant accomphishment was the approval of districts to identify local HOECA Chapters. (See attachment 3.)

Students, local club advisors, consultants and visitors overtly declared impressive and observable accomplishments. The students were complimented by the housing management on behavior and attire.

The HOECA is the first organization in Alabama and the fourth in the nation which will provide students with an occupational identity and allow for direct relationships with persons within their occupational choice. With understanding and acceptance of their commitment to ethics, rules, and criteria of the organization, members can share in creating the growth of humaneness and excellence in the future practice of their chosen health careers.

V. EVALUATION

Convention participants were asked to complete a questionnaire (See Attachment 1) asking for their reactions to various aspects of the convention. All 44 participants indicated that the following stated objectives were adequately met:

1. Adopt a State Constitution and Bylaws

2. Elect by ballot a slate of state officers for 1975-76.

3. Select an appropriate official name for the student organization.

A few of the participants did, however, feel that the persons in charge went a little too fast on the material being covered, especially the constitution.

The summary of the overall convention ratings by participants is shown in Table 1. Ninety-five percent of the participants rated the convention either excellent or good.

TABLE 1

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONVENTION AS RATED BY PARTICIPANTS

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Number	23	19	2	0	44
Percent	52	43	5	0	100

The participants in the convention were asked how they felt the convention was organized. Table 2 shows the responses of the participants. Eighty-nine percent of the participants rated the convention organization either excellent or good.

TABLE 2

EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATION OF CONVENTION AS RATED BY CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Number	17	22	5	0	44
Percent	39	50	11	0	100

When asked to rate the consultants used in the convention, ninety-six percent of the participants rated them either excellent or good. Table 3 shows the responses to the question, "How would you rate the consultants that have been used in the convention?"

TABLE 3

	EFFECTIVENESS OF CONSULTANTS AS RATED BY CONVENTION PARTICIPANTS				
	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR	TOTAL
Number	29	13	2	0	44
Percent	66	30	4	0	100

When the convention participants were asked, "Do you feel the Constitutional Convention has been worthwhile in providing a positive identification for HOE students?", all indicated it had been worthwhile.

There were differing opinions among the participants as to the involvement of more students in the convention. The question asked was, "Do you feel that more students should have been involved in this convention?" The participants were also given space to make remarks on this question. Fifty-two percent indicated by their response that more students should have been involved and 48% felt that adequate numbers were involved. Comments by many in the group suggested that large numbers should be involved in future meetings, but for the type of business conducted during the convention it was necessary to involve smaller numbers for the purpose of intense involvement. Some commented that "if more were involved there would be too much confusion."

Ninety-three percent of the participants responded that meals and housing accomodations were adequate. The complaint cited most often was that the food left something to be desired. One comment was that the students needed a better selection of food. Overall, as indicated by the overall response the participants were very well pleased with the accomodations.

ATTACHMENT 1

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION CLUBS OF ALABAMA

ELECTED OFFICERS

1975 - 1976

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ATTACHMENT 2

A Declaration
State Of Alabama
Health Occupations Education

When in the Course of Health Occupations Education, it becomes necessary for students, teachers, and supervisors to be associated with an organization which lends itself to a sense of belonging, and to assume in the Health Occupations Educational System, the separate and equal station to which they are entitled, a decent respect to their opinions and career choices, should declare the causes which impel them to form a Health Occupations Education student leadership organization which emphasizes techniques of systematic planning and thinking, desirable citizenship, cooperativeness, and fosters a deep feeling of moral responsibilities of the health field to society.

Therefore, on this date, January 18, 1975, an organization for Alabama Health Occupations Education students has been established and constituted.

Rita Mabley
Edgar Moore
Denise Reese
Karen Blackwell
Valencia Parks
Sharon C. Williams
Charlotte Patterson
Robert Jackson
Devone Bauer
Julie L. Holmes
Jeanne Blankenship
Jon Moore
Lisa Lowery
Linda Jenkins
Debra Carter
June Wesley
Paulette Martin
Majesta Richardson

Virginia Bullock
Bernice Robinson
Terri Tate
Sherry May
Hubie Reaves
Theresa Yarbrough
Annette Mael
Pori Stewart
Lynn Moore
Judy Gibbs
Robert Laney Jr.
Linda Peacock
Jeanne Clark
Penny Peppers
James H. Hare
Elaine Dailey
Becky Tidwell
Cindy Tidwell
Debbie Simons
Diana Kozik
Donna Sykes

Diane Jones
Donna Stokes
Joyce Criswell
Pam Burnett

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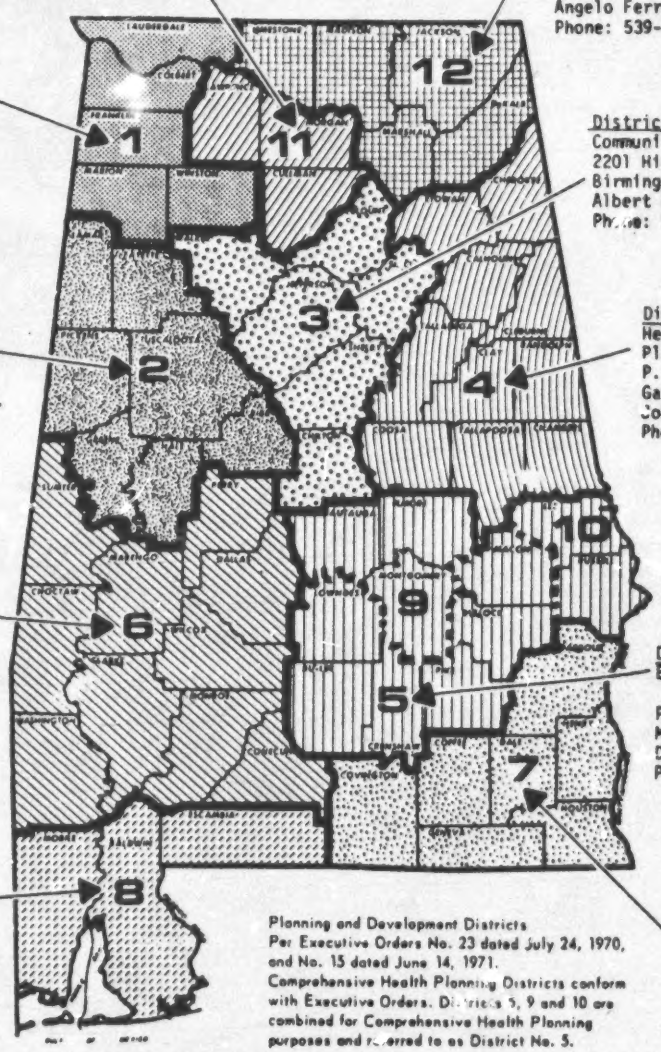
Gerry M. Oliver
Henry Winkley
Jimmy Simmons
Helen Wilkerson
Lois Looney
Betty Coffee Belcher
Linda Reid Vogtsberger
Anita B. Graves
Jean Slaughter McLemore
Diane Hoke Hauser
Joyce Sawyer
Garrett Rayford
Cynthia L. Hammons
Jim Battles
C.W. Reed
Lawrence R. Ridley Jr.
Jeanne Prochenko
Walter H. Martin
Juanita H. Robinson
Peggy Waldrop

STATE OF ALABAMA
DISTRICTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING PURPOSES



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Per Executive Orders No. 23 dated July 24, 1970, and No. 15 dated June 14, 1971.
Comprehensive Health Planning Districts conform with Executive Orders. Districts 5, 9 and 10 are combined for Comprehensive Health Planning purposes and referred to as District No. 5.

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Oct. 1974

ATTACHMENT 4

EVALUATION - OPINIONNAIRE
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Please respond to the following questions for evaluation of the convention. Your opinions of the convention will assist in planning for other HOE student conventions and conferences.

The purpose of the convention has been to conduct an organizational meeting for a State Health Occupations Education student organization. The objectives were to (1) Adopt a State Constitution and Bylaws; (2) Elect by ballot a slate of state officers for 1975-76; (3) Select an appropriate official name for the student organization.

1. Do you feel that these objectives were adequately met? (Check)

   Yes _____ No _____

   Remarks: _____

   _____

2. How do you feel the convention was organized? (Check)

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. How would you rate the consultants that have been used in the convention? (Check)

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Do you feel that the Constitutional Convention has been worthwhile in providing a positive identification for HOE students? (Check)

   Yes _____ No _____ Perhaps _____

5. Do you feel that more students should have been involved in this convention? (Check)

   Yes _____ No _____

   Remarks: _____

   _____

   _____

6. Do you feel that your meals and housing accommodations were adequate? (Check)

   Yes _____ No _____

   Remarks: _____

   _____

7. Would you please rate this convention as a whole? (Check)

Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
_____	_____	_____	_____

ATTACHMENT 5

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS EDUCATION - CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

DOWNTOWNER MOTOR INN
Montgomery, Alabama

Friday - January 17, 1975

A G E N D A

3:00-6:00 p.m.	Registration (Main Lobby)
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Break (Dress for Dinner)
7:00-8:00 p.m.	Dinner (Fountain Room B)
8:00-8:30 p.m.	First General Session Presiding: V. Divine Bauer, State Supervisor Health Occupations Education Invocation: Billie R. Ashmore, Assistant State Supervisor Health Occupations Education First Speaker: Dr. T. L. Faulkner, State Director Division of Vocational Education and Community Colleges Second Speaker: B P. Dilworth, Branch Director Program Supervision , Division of Vocational Education and Community Colleges
8:30-8:45 p.m.	Break
8:45-10:00 p.m.	Reading of Constitution and Bylaws Draft Presiding: Billie R. Ashmore Parliamentary Law Consultant: James Battles Student Clubs Consultant: Charles Reed
10:00-10:15 p.m.	Break
10:15-11:00 p.m.	Delegate Group Meeting (Fountain Room B) Presiding: Charles Reed, Executive Secretary, FFA Student Organization's Consultant: Julene Blankenship Student Leadership Consultant: Linda Peacock Local Chapter Advisor Meeting (Fountain Room A) Presiding: V. Divine Bauer Consultant: Billie R. Ashmore, State Advisor, The Health Occupations Education Clubs of Alabama
12:00 Midnight	Meeting Adjourns

Saturday - January 18, 1975

8:00-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (Fountain Room B)
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Nominations for State Office Candidates Presiding: Billie R. Ashmore Parliamentary Law Consultant: James Battles
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Nominee Campaign Speeches
10:30-10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45-11:30 a.m.	Election of State Officers
11:30-12:00 a.m.	Installation of Officers (Sheridan Room) Swearing in Ceremony: Billie R. Ashmore
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (The Plaza Restaurant)
1:00-1:30 p.m.	Signing of Declaration (Sheridan Room) Presiding: Julene Blankenship
1:30-2:00 p.m.	Photographs of Participants (Madison and Sheridan Rooms) Photographer: Jim Groom, Division of Vocational Education and Community Colleges
2:00-3:00 p.m.	Executive Council Meeting (Madison Room) Presiding: Rita Mobley, President Charles Reed, Consultant James Battles, Consultant Julene Blankenship, Consultant
3:00 p.m.	Convention Adjourns